

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 975

By Rudder

A RESOLUTION to honor David Green for nearly six decades of service with the Sewanee Fire Department.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing a devoted public servant who counts as his guiding principle the phrase Ecce Quam Bonum (How Good It Is To Dwell In Unity) and who exemplifies the Biblical message of "Love Thy Neighbor"; and

WHEREAS, for fifty-nine years, David Green served his family, friends, neighbors, and fellow residents of Sewanee as a volunteer member of the Sewanee Fire Department; for forty-nine of those years, he held the reins of leadership as chief; and

WHEREAS, Chief Green worked closely with both town and gown to keep the community safe by building an all-volunteer, multiracial, mixed-gender fire department that is the envy of every Tennessee small town; and

WHEREAS, a master teacher in a university town, Chief Green oversaw internal training and safety for student and civilian firefighters alike; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong member of the Sewanee community with family roots there dating back to the mid-1800s, Chief Green worked closely with six vice chancellors of The University of the South and earned their trust and admiration for his absolute commitment to fire safety; and

WHEREAS, he was also universally beloved by the firefighters under his charge, who referred to him fondly as "Chief One" or simply "C1"; and

WHEREAS, at the end of the day, David Green is much more than an excellent fire chief; he has that rare ability to bring people from different walks of life together with mutual respect for each other, and his commitment to his community has been so extensive that he qualifies as a living component of Sewanee history; and

WHEREAS, David Green recently stepped down from the Sewanee Fire Department, leaving behind a void that will be difficult to fill; and

WHEREAS, although he is very proud of his legacy in fire service, David Green is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his son and daughter-in-law, Russell and Chastity Green, and his grandchildren, Beckitt and Cooper; and

WHEREAS, David Green is a model public servant and firefighter who is worthy of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor David Green for nearly six decades of service with the Sewanee Fire Department, commend his illustrious tenure as its chief, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.